

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 4 (canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A combination seal, to be incorporated into a bearing having a rotatable member and a stationary member, comprising:

a first annular case having a fitting cylindrical portion with a first vertical wall;

a second annular case having a fitting cylindrical portion with a second ~~cylindrical~~ vertical wall, said first vertical wall extending toward said fitting cylindrical portion of said second ~~vertical wall~~ annular case; and

an annular seal member provided in said second annular case, said annular seal member being provided with an axial lip having a distal portion which sealingly engages said first vertical wall and with a protruding radial lip inclining further away ~~than its leg portion~~ from said first vertical wall than its leg portion, wherein:

said first annular case and said second annular case are respectively and separately fitted ~~to one in either~~ of a said stationary member and a said rotatable member and ~~the other~~ the other of a said stationary member and a said rotatable member, in advance, respectively, before they and thereafter both are incorporated into a bearing unit; and

said radial lip directly sealingly engages the outer circumferential wall of said stationary member or said rotatable member after said first annular case and said second annular case are incorporated into said bearing unit.

6. (Currently Amended) The combination seal according to claim 5, wherein:

said second annular case further has two axial lip ~~is formed as two lips~~; and ~~said protruding radial lip is formed as a single lip~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The combination seal according to claim 5, wherein:
said stationary member and said rotatable member are inner and outer rings which respectively ~~and~~ constitute a bearing unit; and
said first annular case is fitted in said rotatable member in advance before incorporation.

8. (Currently Amended) The combination seal according to claim 7, wherein:
said first annular case and said second annular case are fitted into an inner circumference of said stationary member and the outer circumference of said rotatable member such that a circumferential end of said fitting cylindrical portion of said second annular case is disposed inside of said bearing unit than that of said first vertical wall ~~has a fitting cylindrical portion whose circumferential end is provided inside in said bearing unit from that of said first vertical wall~~, whereby a spacing gap surrounded by said circumferential end of said ~~first vertical wall~~, said ~~circumferential end of said fitting cylindrical portion of said second annular case~~ and the inner circumferential surface of said stationary member constitutes a labyrinth portion with an L-shaped section.

9. (Currently Amended) A bearing unit, having:
bearing members interposed between a rotatable member and a stationary member situated in order to allow said rotatable member to rotate relative to said stationary member; and
a combination seal between said rotatable member and said stationary member ~~provided at a location outside of said bearing members~~, said combination seal ~~having~~ comprising:

a first annular case having a fitting cylindrical portion with a first vertical wall; a second annular case having a fitting cylindrical portion with a second vertical wall, said first vertical wall extending toward said fitting cylindrical portion

of said second ~~vertical wall~~ annular case; and

an annular seal member provided in said second annular case, said annular seal member being provided with an axial lip having a distal portion which sealingly engages said first vertical wall and with a protruding ~~vertical~~ radial lip inclining further away ~~than its leg portion~~ from said first vertical wall than its leg portion, [[:]] wherein:

said first annular case and said second annular case ~~and said second annular case~~ are ~~respectively and separately~~ fitted in either to one of a said stationary member and a said rotatable member and the other of a said stationary member and a said rotatable member, in advance, respectively, before they and thereafter both are incorporated into the bearing unit; and

said radial lip directly sealingly engages the outer circumferential wall of said stationary member or said rotatable member after said first annular case and said second annular case are incorporated into the said bearing unit.